

**SHRINE CHANTERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes (via conference call)**  
**September 22, 2019**

**(Start Recording)**

Meeting called to order by President Lee Pfeifer at 8:00 pm Central Time

Invocation was given by Barry Spitzer

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all

Roll call of officers and members present on the call by Secretary:

Lee Pfeiffer, President, (SYRIA SHRINE)

Bruce Rohrbach, First Vice-President (RAJAH)

Jim Gesell, Second Vice-President (MOOLAH)

Tom Prager, Third Vice-President (SYRIA)

Barry Spitzer, Secretary/Treasurer (MOOLAH)

**Secretary's Report**

Barry read the minutes from the July 1, 2019 Annual Board Meeting in Nashville. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as read and corrected and seconded by Tom, minutes were approved. Corrections from Lee that Crowne Plaza, not Crown Center, is one of the host hotels for Kansas City.

**Treasurer's Report**

Barry reported the SCAI treasury as of 8/8/2019 has \$8,057.39. Deposits from other Chanter units was \$430. ABU BEKR paid \$20, YELDUZ \$20, MOOLAH \$110, RAJAH \$120, SYRIA \$140. Our new balance was \$8487.39. Bills presented and paid: MOOLAH Chanter reimbursement for adjudicator's fees (\$250 each) was \$500. Reimbursement for installation, reception and lunch to Lee Pfeifer was \$432.21. Annual payment to PBASTL for SCAI website was \$468. Reimbursement to Secretary, Barry, for fax, fees and transfer of checking account was \$23.66. Opening of new account with new EIN Number from the IRS was \$100. Total of payments was \$1,523.87 leaving a new balance in the Royal Bank checking account as of 9/22/19 is \$6,533.52. Lee Pfeifer made a motion to file Treasurer's report for audit, second and approved.

**Committee Reports**

- Barry said he was informed that EL RIAD, ABU BEKR, and YELDUZ were planning to come to Imperial in Kansas City.

**President's Report**

- Lee mentioned he was going to draft a letter and have Barry send it to all available Chanter units for which we have contact information to invite them to Imperial in Kansas City.
- Jim mentioned that we should probably invite all attending Chanter units to participate in the church service and welcome any Chanters who are attending Imperial, even though their unit is not, to participate also. Lee agreed with Jim and all board members agreed since we are now know as the Imperial Chanters.

**Old Business**

- Lee mentioned giving a plaque for Past President, Greg Lewis. Jim made a motion to have Barry procure a plaque, motion seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.
- Imperial Session Review: all agreed, Moolah, Rajah and Syria had a great competition, phenomenal judging by qualified adjudicators, attendance was better than anticipated and reception, installation and luncheon were awesome...thanks to Lee and Greg as MC. All three units participated in choral and quartet/ensemble competition.
- There was discussion about how groups are formed and who may participate in each group. (addressing the quartet) Tom motioned that no substitutions may be made between numbers and

Barry seconded. Motion carried. This is under competition rules, not by-laws.

- All agreed we continue reception with light lunch. Barry made a motion to allow \$500 to cover installation, competition, reception and lunch. Tom seconded. Motion carried.
- Bruce mentioned that we should have an accurate account of who will be attending the reception to provide adequate food, Lee said he would help Bruce with information on logistics and details.
- A SCAI hospitality suite was mentioned to provide an evening place for socializing among Chanter Units, however, stipulation would be if all Chanter Units were in the same hotel, otherwise it would not be feasible for all units to make use of the room. Jim mentioned when we check out rooms for housing, possibly we could ask for an adjoining suite as that would be easier to accommodate and less costly. Barry mentioned we could possibly raise dues to cover some of the cost.

### **New Business**

- Lee mentioned he had a 10 minute conversation with Imperial Sir, Jeff Sowder, and Jeff has asked us to sing at all the Imperial events as we did in Nashville. Lee's conversation led to Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, being the day of competition, and Lee said how difficult for us logistically to compete on Saturday. Since we have always competed on Monday following the church service, Jeff said you may compete on whichever day you want. There are so many moving parts with all the logistics that Jeff gave Lee his personal cell phone number and if he needed something, call!
- Lee mentioned that we keep our competition on Monday, motion made by Barry, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.
- Jim said we had many ladies attending competition and they really enjoyed the music and had a good time. Barry said he would reach out to First Lady, Cheryl, to help continue that, because if we were more involved in her program for the year, that she would be more inclined to help us have another great attendance for the competition, installation, reception and luncheon.
- Barry mentioned the Shriner's discounted hotel rate of \$179 usually works to be evened out at different Imperial locations.
- Much discussion was had to keep the same categories as in the past. 2 categories less than 5 and 6 and above. The agreement was that each unit will and should be judged on how well they do the songs and not the number of participants.
- Bruce mentioned that we should look into having a piano at the convention center for the competition and practice. Lee has asked Jim to continue as competition Chairman this year.
- Barry mentioned that he would be willing to acquire 2 adjudicators for Kansas City.
- Jim mentioned about having a Theme for Imperial Competition. Leave the decision up to the groups to decide and ask Imperial Sir if he has any special requests for the church service.

For The good of the order. Final Comments:

- Please send any pictures and articles to Barry so he may have them inserted onto our website, [scaichanters.org](http://scaichanters.org).
- Next Meeting Date is set for Sunday January 5, 2020  
Meeting adjourned 9:01

Date for next Board Meeting will be : Sunday, January 5, 2020. 8:00 Eastern, 7:00 Central, 6:00 Mountain, 5:00 Pacific.

Motion to adjourn and second, carried unanimously at 8:51 pm Central Time.

Meeting closed by .

**Conference call phone number is: 712-775-7031**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Barry Spitzer, SCAI Secretary/Treasurer